

15. (Amended) A liquid crystal display device, comprising:

- a pair of substrates;
- a liquid crystal layer between the pair of substrates;
- a plurality of switching elements arranged on one of the pair of substrates;
- pixel electrodes provided in a display pixel area of the display device;
- an insulating film on one of the pair of substrates and at least partially covering address lines, the insulating film extending to a surrounding region of the display pixel area; and
- an electrode pattern for adsorbing an ionic impurity provided over the insulating film in the surrounding region so as to surround the display pixel area on all sides thereof and so as to be at least partially coplanar with the pixel electrodes.

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 29, 2002.

Applicant appreciates the courtesy extended by the Examiner during the telephone interviews held over the past week or so with respect to the above-listed patent application. *The Examiner has indicated that the claims appear allowable over the art of record for the reasons set forth below.*

Claim 8

Claim 8 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Mitsui (US 45,408,345) in view of both Kikuchi (JP 05-323336) and